

August 15, 2005

Mr. Arthur Neal
Director, Program Administration
National Organic Program
USDA – AMS – TSO – NOP
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4008
Washington, DC 20050

RE: Docket Number TM – 04 – 07

Dear Mr. Neal and the National Organic Standards Board:

Acting for Equal Exchange, Inc., I advocate for retention of the following items, currently found in Section **205.605(b)** of the National List.

Material	Reason for retention on the National List
Calcium Hydroxide	Necessary for organic sugar processing
Carbon Dioxide	Environmentally friendly and non-toxic solvent for the supercritical fluid extraction

With appreciation,

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